

**CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
LONG BEACH SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

July 15, 2004

Location:

Long Beach Senior Center
1150 E. 4th Street
Long Beach, CA 90802

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Higginson, Chair, called the meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission to order at 9:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center.

II. FLAG SALUTE – Commissioner Yolken, Vice-Chair

III. ROLL CALL / WELCOME OF GUESTS

The following Commissioners responded to roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Patricia Bergendahl, 6 th District - Excused	Rabbi Sidney Guthman, 3 rd District
Barbara J. Bolin, 9 th District	Mary Hernandez, 7 th District
Henry Brunner, 7 th District	Nancy Higginson, 3 rd District
Rose Cabanban, 7 th District	Vivian Linderman, 8 th District - Excused
Betty Davenport, 5 th District - Excused	Teresa Munoz, 2 nd District - Excused
Florence Dodge, 3 rd District	Lu Wall, 3 rd District
Rita Ellner, 2 nd District	Berry Yolken, 3 rd District
Teodoro Felix, 1 st District	

Staff

Belem Solis, Superintendent
Shelley Hellen, Community Services Supervisor
Del Ransom, Clerk II

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 17, 2004

The June 17, 2004 Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Minutes were approved as corrected.

Commissioner Yolken corrected the minutes to read:

Commissioner Yolken informed the Commission that he has reviewed the final draft of the "Strategic Plan" and it has been submitted to graphics. He also, informed the Commission that the "Strategic Plan" is a 50-page document.

V. GUEST SPEAKER (S)

Commissioner Yolken gave a 15-minute presentation on the "Meals on Wheels" program, in which he spoke of the organization's history and the operation of the program. Commissioner Yolken also spoke of a new program offered by Meals on Wheels, which is entitled, "Books on Wheels." (Attachment)

VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission had no Public Discussion for the month of July.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. City of Long Beach - Code of Ethics

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission read and signed the Code of Ethics, received by the City Clerks Office. The Commission had reservations to principle # 1 of the Code of Ethics:

To place the best interests of the City above all other interests. (Attachment)

B. National Council on Aging, National Institute of Senior Centers

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission read the study, received by National Council on Aging and found the study very interesting. (Attachment)

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Legislation – Commissioner Teresa Munoz

The Legislation Committee had nothing to Report.

B. Transportation – Commissioner Nancy Higginson

Commissioner Bolin informed the Commission she and Councilman, Val Lerch tried to implement a program with the Long Beach Transit to permit senior citizens to ride the bus for free during off hours, but with no avail.

C. Health Care – Commissioner Berry Yolken

The Health Care Committee had nothing to Report.

D. Housing – Commissioner Teodoro Felix

Commissioner Wall spoke to the Commission regarding the permanent homeless shelter at 1368 Oregon Avenue.

E. Safety and Crime Prevention – Commissioner Patricia Bergendahl

The Commission received a faxed report from Commissioner Bergendahl regarding the Community Leadership Forum and the Asian Task Force. (Attachment)

F. Quality of Life and Leisure – Commissioner Florence Dodge

Commissioner Dodge informed the Commission that she is waiting to hear from the Long Beach Senior Coordinators regarding their site reports.

G. Community Relations – Commissioner Betty Davenport

The Community Relations Committee had nothing to Report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Senior Directory

The Commission voted to have Commissioner Davenport return the Directory to the Commission.

Commissioner Wall motioned to send Commissioner Davenport a letter thanking her for all of her efforts in the assistance of the Senior Resource Directory. The motion was carried.

The Commission elected Commissioner Wall and Yolken to the new Senior Directory Committee. Former Commissioner Teofilo will be asked to assist.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senior Briefing – Jenny Oropeza

Commissioner Cabanban distributed Assemblymember, Jenny Oropeza's, 2004 Legislation report on various legislative bills. (Attachment)

Commissioner Cabanban and Hernandez will coordinate with Assemblymember Oropeza's staff to coordinate a future Senior Briefing at Silverado or El Dorado Park.

XI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Shelley Hellen, Community Services Supervisor, reported on senior activities at the Long Beach Senior Center, which included: the 4th of July Celebration on Friday, July 2 and the Country Western hoedown on Saturday, August 7. Mrs. Hellen also informed the Commission that the Metropolitan Transportation Association decided to reinstate the Taxi Voucher program for another year.

B. Superintendent, Belem Solis congratulated the Commission for their services in the community.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Wall announced the Citywide Senior trip to Old Town, San Diego on Thursday, September 16, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. There is a \$ 16.00 fee for this trip.
- B. Commissioner Ellner informed the Commission of an article in the Senior Post entitled, "The Hospitalist and You."
- C. The Commission voted to change the September 16, Senior Citizen Advisory Commission meeting to September 23, due to Citywide Senior trip to Old Town, San Diego.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center. In attendance will be Commissioners Nancy Higginson, Berry Yolken, Lu Wall, and Rose Cabanban.

The General meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center, 1150 E. 4th Street, Long Beach, CA 90802.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Higginson adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.